

NSO program gets under way

The usual excitement, joy, relief, apprehension, bewilderment and other emotions accompanied arrivals to Gallaudet Aug. 16 as the New Student Orientation (NSO) program got under way.

However, order prevailed as members of the Student Body Government, conspicuous in their NSO-labeled chapeaux, welcomed, directed, explained and performed general "gofer" services for approximately 200 new freshmen and 100 transfer students.

"The purpose of the program is to help new students make a comfortable transition to campus life," said Norma Buemi, coordinator of Paraprofessional and Orientation Programs in the Student Affairs Office. "This requires cooperation from personnel in many Gallaudet units and departments."

The participants form 24 groups according to affiliations such as the Honors Program or the football team. Some newcomers are grouped according to sign language skills, previous school experience or age. Of the last, one group includes 15 students ages 40 to 57.

During the two-week program, students are required to take English and math placement tests and meet with their academic advisers to plan their fall courses.

Get-acquainted activities, including campus tours and a convocation in Elstad Auditorium Aug. 17 followed by a coffee hour in the Ely Center atrium, help ease the transition. Other events include a luncheon at a American Cafe, a tour of the Washington, D.C. area and parties in the Abbey and dorms.

Ninety-four "old" freshmen from the School of Preparatory Studies joined the new freshmen and transfer students Aug. 23 for the second week of NSO.

A highlight of the program is a class photo taken of all women participants—a special event to mark the 100th anniversary of women's acceptance as students at Gallaudet.

The day-long NSO-Parent Orientation program, held this year on Aug. 15, is integral to the program. Parents of new students are welcomed at a hospitality suite set up in Ely Center. They later attend sessions with various members of the administration, faculty and staff who provide information about Gallaudet services and programs.

According to Buemi, a typical response to the NSO-Parent Orientation program was one parent's comment, "I am impressed with the support systems that Gallaudet offers to both the students and their parents. Most of my questions were answered and I feel confident that my child's needs will be met."



New Gallaudet students unload their luggage and prepare to move into their dormitories as the New Student Orientation gets under way on Kendall Green.

Sign classes to begin in Sept.

Gallaudet staff and faculty must register by Sept. 1 to attend sign language classes offered through the Department of Sign Communication this fall.

The following Sign Language Instruction for Gallaudet Employees (SLIGE) classes, to be held from Sept. 14-Dec. 4, are available for general staff:

- * Beginning 1, T/TH, 1-2:30 p.m.
- * Beginning 2, T/TH, 9:30-11 a.m.
- * Intermediate 1, T/TH, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Courses available for faculty and professional staff, also to be held Sept. 14-Dec. 4, are:

- * Ongoing Sign Communication, T/TH, 9-11:30 a.m.
- * Application of ASL for Instructional Purposes, M/W, 2-3:30 p.m.
- * The Simultaneous Method of

Communication, TBA

- * Conversational ASL, M/W, 10:30-11:50 a.m.

Short term courses include:

- * Intensive Fingertalk, 8/31-9/11, M-F, 12-1 p.m.
- * Receptive and Expressive Fingertalk, 9/14-11/19, T/TH, 12-1 p.m.

Two seminars for faculty and professional staff are also offered this fall:

- * Conceptualization Factors in Sign Choice, 10/12-23, Daily, 12-1 p.m.
- * How to Use Classifiers Effectively; 11/2-13, Daily, 12-1 p.m.

To register, employees must complete a registration form, available through the Department in Kendall Hall. Those unsure of which course to take can contact Lynn Jacobowitz, x5200 or x6206, for a placement interview.

Students arrive at NW Campus

The quiet serenity of the Northwest Campus changed to excited activity last week as more than 200 new students arrived to attend the New Student Orientation (NSO).

They are now participating in "various activities intended to make their transition from home to college smoother," according to Dr. Ken Epstein, assistant dean of the School of Preparatory Studies.

Under the direction of Madie Shelton, the two-week program began Aug. 16. About 230 new preparatory students are attending NSO, which involves many of the same components found in the program for freshmen and new students at the Kendall Green campus.

The preps will be registering, taking placement tests, meeting other students and spending time with their academic advisers. They will tour the Northwest Campus and Kendall Green, using the shuttle bus service that is available between the two campuses. A two-and-a-half-day family orientation program is also part of the NSO.

An additional 35 to 40 students who need to complete further requirements before they can become freshmen are returning to the Northwest Campus. Many will also be taking classes at Kendall Green, and some students from that campus will be traveling to the Northwest Campus to take non-credit math courses required before they can graduate.

Interaction between the two campuses helps preparatory students feel a part of the whole University, according to Dr. Ann Davidson, dean of the School of Preparatory Studies. "Many people tend to forget that these students are admitted to Gallaudet University, not just the preparatory program," she said. "They're part of the University once they come here."

In addition to helping new preparatory students determine their course of study, academic advisers "are looking for students with potential communication problems," said Epstein. Only about half of the new students who have problems with sign language report their difficulties or attend the New Signers Program on Kendall Green, he pointed out. Students with sign language problems are encouraged to attend sign classes.

The Northwest Campus is also home this coming school year to about 35 students who are working for their associate of applied science degrees in office systems programs.

Another eight to 13 foreign students will be arriving Aug. 26 to participate in the English Language Institute at the Northwest Campus, trying to acquire the English skills necessary for them to become Gallaudet students.



New preparatory students at the Northwest Campus pause to chat during a break in New Student Orientation. The two-week program began Aug. 16.

Courses to begin in speechreading

Speechreading courses, offered through the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, will begin on Sept. 22.

The courses will be available not only to students but also to the general public through the Special Populations Program of the National Academy.

The classes were designed by the Aural Rehabilitation Team in the department. Among the faculty are Scott Bally, Mary Hughes, Dr. Harriet Kaplan, Mary Ann Meier and Mary Pat Wilson.

Among Ourselves

Dr. Eugene Bergman, an assistant professor in the English Department, left Aug. 15 for Warsaw, Poland to do research on the Warsaw ghetto at the Jewish Historical Institute. He will also visit Jagiellonian University in Krakow to discuss education of deaf people in Poland and to give a copy of the Gallaudet-Jagiellonian cooperation agreement to the rector there.

James Tucker, an instructor in the English Department, was appointed to the board of trustees at the Austine School in Brattleboro, Vt. last May. He is the first deaf member in the school's 75-year history.

Residence Life director named

Dr. Virginia Cowgell has been appointed the new director of Residence Life in Student Affairs.

Cowgell has served as special assistant to the dean for the past year and as acting director of Residence Life since January 1987. In addition, she was director of the Gallaudet University Counseling Center for five years.

She has a PhD in clinical psychology from Duke University and has taught psychology at Gallaudet and at North Carolina State University.

Residence Life is responsible for the administration of residence halls and the Judicial Program. Cowgell will be moving to Room 132 in Ely Center and can be contacted at x5255.



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Two-year-olds at Gallaudet's Child Development Center put on a puppet show for Parents' Day as part of the summer program, with the help of teachers Mindy Rogal, center, and Pam Burton.

Announcements

Anyone interested in activities commemorating the centennial celebration of women's admittance to Gallaudet is invited to meet Sept. 2 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in "Ole Jim." The celebration will be held during University Week in October.

Telephone training classes will be held Aug. 26 from 9-10 a.m. in the Benson Hall basement lounge. The classes will demonstrate various features of the Northern Telecom telephone system, including use of the SL-1 and Link telephones. Contact Debbie Wheeler, x5777, to enroll in the classes.

The Department of Communication Arts has moved to the first floor of Kendall Hall. The department can still be reached at x5420.

The Graduate Record Examination will be given at Gallaudet on Saturday,

Grant will help music program

Gallaudet's music program will be expanding this fall to include a full-time instructor and new equipment, thanks in part to a \$39,000 grant received recently.

The grant was given by the Military Order of the Purple Heart National Service Foundation (MOPH).

Music program students with partial hearing will be able to listen to their work with the help of amplifiers. Profoundly deaf students will see and feel the music through color organs, laser lights and vibrating floors.

"The new capabilities and equipment will greatly enhance the full development of potential of our student musicians," said Diane Merchant, now a full-time instructor with the program. "We're looking forward to organizing ensembles during the coming year."

MOPH, an organization composed of combat wounded veterans, is committed to assisting fellow vets and to improving the lives of disabled people, according to MOPH Adjutant General Frank Athanason.

"When creative people have the opportunity to make the most of their talents, the rewards are rich," he said.

Oct. 10. Registration forms must be sent to Education Testing Service and postmarked no later than Sept. 10. The Graduate Management Admission Test will be given on campus Saturday, Oct. 17. Registration forms must be submitted to the Career Center by Aug. 26. Forms and additional information can be obtained from the Career Center, x5270.

The D.C. Board of Social Work has extended its deadline for eligible social work applicants to have their education and examination requirements for licensure waived. Social workers must now submit letters before March 25, 1988. Call 727-7454 for more information.

Fidelity Investments, a mutual fund and discount brokerage company, now has a TDD at its Boston telephone center. The toll-free number is 1-800-544-0118.

Sign Language Associates is looking for qualified people to provide paid "on call" emergency services to area hospitals and law enforcement agencies. For more information contact Bernie Olson, 861-0593.93.



Students gather on the steps of the main building at the Northwest Campus. About 270 preparatory students are registered for the fall semester at Northwest.

NFSD names Lee honorary member

Gallaudet President Jerry C. Lee was recently made an honorary member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf at its 25th Quadrennial Convention.

The membership was granted "in recognition of outstanding and appreciated leadership with sensitivity, insight, promotion and support in meeting the needs of the hearing impaired."

Jack Gannon accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Lee, who was unable to be present at the event held July 24 in Seacaucus, N.J. Gannon, the executive director of the Office of Alumni Relations and Advancement, was also the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Robert Sanderson, a Gallaudet alumnus and vice president and chairman of the board of NFSD, made the presentation.

Lee is the 14th person, all of whom are hearing, to receive honorary membership in the society since its founding in 1901. Former Gallaudet Presidents Leonard M. Elstad and Edward C. Merrill Jr. received honorary memberships in 1967 and 1983, respectively.

FERS videotapes now available

Captioned videotapes about the transfer from the Civil Service Retirement System to the Federal Employees Retirement System are available in the media area of the Merrill Learning Center.

The videotapes are the same as programs that have been shown on the Public Broadcasting System in recent weeks.

The tapes may also be checked out overnight by completing a short form at the media desk.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Oak top roll desk w/chair, good cond., \$400. Call Marie, 566-6716 work or 794-8409 home (both TDD).

FOR SALE: Sears 13" color TV, like new, great picture, paid \$300, asking \$150 (negotiable). Also includes adapter (\$21 value) and cables to allow hookup to Gallaudet cable network. Call Rich, 434-7280 (TDD) 6:30-9 p.m.

FOR SALE: Full-size mattress & box springs, \$25; golf clubs & bag, \$20; drapes, \$40; new silverware, \$200; zoom, \$50. Call Audrey, x5375.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female roommate to share townhouse in Seabrook, Md. Avail. Sept. 2 for 2 mos w/option to stay, \$200/mo. plus util. Call 552-9166 (TDD) after 6 p.m. and weekends.

FOR RENT: Renovated house 2 blocks from Gallaudet, nice neighborhood. Call Mr. Dudley, 345-7209 or Ms. Lewis, 583-4554 (voice only).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

CUSTODIAN/FLOOR MAINTENANCE: Physical Plant

MARKETING ASSISTANT: Gallaudet University Press

RESEARCH SCIENTIST: Center for Studies in Education and Human Development